

NOS Special Projects Highlights: October 2006

Project of the Month

OAR-NOS Research Collaboration Workshop

SP provided planning and facilitation support for an OAR-NOS Research Collaboration Workshop. The workshop was intended to bring together OAR and NOS leadership to align research priorities, identify areas of collaboration, and begin working more closely with one another in support of NOAA's corporate research mission. (Kim Cohen)



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NOS Nancy Foster Scholarship Web Site

Updated the Nancy Foster Scholarship Web site (<http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov>) for the 2006-2007 year, in preparation for a call for applications beginning December 1. (Georgia Shao)

NOS All Hands Meeting Support

Supported the live video, audio, and slide presentation for the NOS All Hands event held in the NOAA Auditorium. Captioning along with the live video feed was provided on a single Web page. Employees unable to attend the meeting in person were able to participate via the Web or by telephone. Also developed the content and design for the slide presentation and talking points. (Mike Shelby and Alison Hammer)

NOS-wide Communication Initiative

Continued participation in a joint effort with the NOS Communications and Education Division and the NOS Policy, Planning & Analysis Division to identify ways to enhance NOS constituent communications. In October, the group developed and "road tested" a tool to bring together information about key program office activities from across NOS. (Carol Kavanagh and Tim Goodspeed)

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Spatial Trends in Coastal Socioeconomics Web Site

Rebuilt and recently launched the new STICS Web site, (<http://stics.noaa.gov>). The new Web site was developed to make socioeconomic data and products more accessible, improve content and navigation logic with an improved graphical user interface and, make the Web site more user friendly. (Sarah O'Connor)

NOAA 200th Celebration Planning

Assisted with preparation of briefing materials for the successful NOAA's 200th Celebration briefing with General Jack Kelley held on October 13, 2006. (Lani Watson)

NOAA 200th Web Site

Continued to develop the Web site to celebrate NOAA's 200th anniversary. This site will include more than 700 pages at its launch in early December. (Davida Remer)

CORAL Reef Project Proposal and Tracking System

Completed the initial user requirements and specifications for the new CORAL Reef Proposal Project. Worked with the CORAL task team to develop an optimal data flow for the new CORAL Reef Web site. The user requirements were converted into a series of user case stories and "mock ups", which will be used by the software and database development team to build an updated and improved Web application. (Chris Clement)

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Federal Workgroup Meeting

Special Projects helped NOAA and EPA hosted representatives from 13 federal agencies at a Federal Workgroup meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 4, 2006. The Federal Workgroup continued work to coordinate and integrate the federal response to the Alliance's Governors' Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts. (Brent Ache)

Goal Teams

CoRIS Web Site

Posted on the CoRIS Web site *A Reef Manager's Guide to Coral Bleaching*, providing users the option of downloading the full document or individual chapters. Posting the document required a quick response since imminent press releases and announcements listed the CoRIS Web site (http://coris.noaa.gov/activities/reef_managers_guide) as the source for accessing the document. (Georgia Shao)

Ecosystem Research Program (ERP) Support

Special Projects facilitated a two-day workshop for ERP on October 10-11, 2006. The purpose of the workshop was to address issues of redundancy in order to respond to OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool. The meeting also examined ways of increasing collaboration and communication within ERP component programs and with other programs. (Rebecca Newhall)

Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY07 (as of November 10)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
NOS	26	5	3	10
NOS Program Offices	18	2	2	4.6
NOAA	24	7	5	15
NOAA Line Offices	3	1	0	3.4
NOAA Goal Teams	9	2	0	6.7
TOTAL	80	17	10	39.7**

*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

**There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

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